



MINUTES OF THE ARGOED COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AS A HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MYNYDD ISA COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Representatives:

Argoed Ward: Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones, Cllr John Holiday, Cllr Ian Jolly, Cllr Jack Morris, Cllr Hilary McGuill, Cllr Rebecca Legge

New Brighton Ward: Cllr Rebecca Blanchard, Cllr Jon McCarron, Cllr Keith Mutch, Cllr Miriam Shepherd, Cllr Gwilym Owen, Cllr Graham Palmer

In attendance: Clerk Mared Eastwood

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr Paul Jewell, Cllr Roy Marsh

2. Chair's Report

- The internet, phone system and office are now completely set up and functioning well.
- There is an issue with the dates of our meeting in that neither Canolfan Isa nor New Brighton Community Centre has availability for us to book space on Tuesday evenings now that there is no internet connection for our former room. There is availability at New Brighton Community Centre for meetings to be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month, subject to 4 December when there is a pre-existing clash.

Resolved: The office update was noted.

That Council meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month and the Clerk to also establish other alternatives as the day of the week is not convenient to all members.

3. Clerk's Report

- The Remembrance Services will be held at the Memorial Garden in the morning and in St James', New Brighton in the afternoon. Volunteers needed to lay the wreaths on the Council's behalf at Mold and Buckley parades.

Resolved: Clerk's report noted. Cllr Ian Jolly to attend Mold parade, Cllr Gwilym Owen to attend Buckley parade.

4. Co-option of Members

None to consider, the Council is at full complement.

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Faron Hadfield-Jones declared a personal interest in item 7(a)

6. Standing Orders

None to consider.

7. Financial Matters

a) Clerk gave details on the expenditure incurred as listed below:

Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Amount (£)	
E0600TXU4V	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Basic x 14	82.32	Pd
E0600TXIYY	Microsoft	M/soft 365 Business Standard x 1	12.36	Pd
INV-23442	Internet and installation fee	FHJ Computer Support Ltd	225.60	
1595516	Broadbandbuyer.com	Yealink office phones	169.13	Pd*
186654	Connectec	WiFi access point and PoE injector	130.64	Pd
3612	Follyfield Nurseries	Winter bedding	345.49	
INV-10414	Mega Electrical NW Ltd	Installation of 10 new Christmas displays/lights	3,660.00	
476212	Canda Copying Ltd	Photocopying	30.67	
475822	Canda Copying Ltd	Rental of photocopier	99.60	
ARINV/009979	Audit Wales	Audit fees 20210/21	270.00	

b) Salary and other employment costs for October 2024 given as £1,757.14

c) Bank balances were listed as at 30 September 2024 as follows:

NatWest Current:	£5,650.34
NatWest Reserves:	<u>£90,357.07</u>
Total	£96,007.41

Resolved: The payments were approved to be paid.

The salary and other employment costs, together with bank balances were noted.

8. To approve the Minutes of meetings held on 1 October 2024

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2024.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting dated 1 October 2024 were approved.

9. Notices of Motion
None received.

10. Christmas

Clerk advised that the trees have been ordered and the donated lights have been reviewed with Mega. A barrier is required, to safeguard against small children from wandering into the area inadvertently as the donated lights are high voltage, and to mitigate against the new displays from Shangri-La being damaged. A temporary fence will be required and a potential option is green-coated mesh and iron rods as this should be quite robust but also easy to install, remove and then store.

Consideration also needs to be given to donating towards the cost of gifts for Santa to distribute on the night of the switch-on.

As part of the event will be taking place in the carpark to the rear of Canolfan Isa, consideration also needs to be given to assist towards the external lighting in the alley and over the carpark as they are not working and require maintenance work. Three quotes for the proposed work have been provided.

Resolved: To purchase 3 packs each of pins and mesh (based on 24m perimeter).

To accept quote of £1,165 to have new external lighting on Caffi Isa installed, on the basis that the Council funds the installation and maintains them on an ongoing basis, subject to Canolfan Isa providing the power supply to them.

To donate £200 towards the purchase of gifts for Santa

11. Planning Applications

Consideration of planning applications.

Resolved: FUL/000853/24 – no objection.

OUT/000694/24 – no objection in principle. However, it is outside the settlement boundary, query whether it is affordable social housing. Note it was previously used as a builders yard. Query how it impacts on a public right of way, would not support that.

FUL/000877/24 – no objection.

PAC – New Brighton - formally object to this proposed development for the following reasons:

- It is named Bryn-y-Baal instead of New Brighton, where it is sited.
- The proposed development sits outside the settlement boundary.
- The proposed development is not on a site within Flintshire's LDP.
- The residences on Moorcroft already suffer significantly with surface water drainage, some residents having experienced their homes flooded with sewerage.
- 135 dwellings will create significant extra traffic on our already busy roads.
- There is already sufficient affordable housing in New Brighton.
- The sewerage system cannot currently accommodate 135 additional dwellings.

12. Representatives Report

No police report has been submitted. It was noted that there continues to be anti-social behaviour and illegal parking.

Fireworks event was well attended and went very well.

Resolved: Clerk to write to the Police Commissioner to highlight the issue. Update reports were noted.

Clerk to write to the ASA to thank them for running the fireworks event.

13. Committee and group reports

Consideration of the minutes for the Amenities meeting held on 16 October 2024.

Resolved: The minutes for the Amenities meeting of 16 October 2024 were approved.

Meeting concluded 8.10pm